



A Message from the Director of the Division of Environment

Dear Reader,

As Kansas begins a new decade and millennium, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) will continue to work with the citizens of the state to maintain clean air. The 2000 Kansas Air Quality Report is one way that the department informs the citizens of Kansas, of not only the successes in air quality management, but also those areas that need improvement. KDHE will continue to rely on the support and cooperation of citizens, businesses, industry and federal, state, and local governments to address these areas of concern.

To maintain clean air across the state, it will take an active involvement by all Kansas citizens. Whether that means having your car tuned-up regularly, mowing your yard later in the evening during ozone alert days, or car-pooling to work, each person's contribution is essential. Although

Kansas' overall air quality continues to be good, continued improvements will have to balance the needs of the environment with the needs of industry.

Everyone has a stake in keeping Kansas' air clean, and everyone can contribute to that continued success.

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The Bureau of Air and Radiation's mission is to protect the public from the harmful effects of radiation and air pollution and conserve the natural resources of the state by preventing damage to the environment from releases of radioactive materials or air contaminants.